



News from AIIA National Office
June-July 2013

Events

The AIIA held a Strategic Risk Perceptions Workshop in conjunction with the Department of Defence on 30 May in Canberra. The AIIA convened a roundtable of non-government experts examining Australian perceptions of risks and opportunities out to 2035.

The AIIA held a Consular Roundtable in conjunction with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on 12 June in Sydney. The roundtable brought together a number of key stakeholders to provide them with an opportunity to share views and perspectives on key issues with senior representatives of DFAT.

The AIIA held a roundtable for visiting UK Shadow Foreign Secretary Douglas Alexander on 28 June in Canberra. The AIIA met with the visiting Director of the Polish Institute of International Affairs in Melbourne on 25 May to explore potential collaboration.

Footage of recent AIIA events can be viewed on the **AIIA YouTube Channel**: <http://www.youtube.com/user/aiiavision>. This includes recent videos of a talk on the Trans-Pacific Partnership by Dr Stephen Grenville; a presentation by Professor Ramesh Thakur entitled “If You Want the Peace of the Dead, Prepare for Nuclear War”; and Bill Farmer on “Thoughts in an Election Year on New Directions for Australia and Indonesia”.

Research Committee

AIIA Research Chair Shirley Scott is pleased to announce the following:

- Professor Nick Bisley has been appointed editor of the *Australian Journal of International Affairs (AJIA)* following a competitive selection process. Professor Bisley replaces Professor Andrew O’Neil who has edited the journal since 2009. The AIIA thanks Professor O’Neil, Managing Editor Tracey Arklay and the editorial team for their excellent service.
- Professor Mark Beeson and Dr Shahar Hameiri have been appointed co-editors of *Australia in World Affairs (AIWA)*. They replace Professors James Cotton and John Ravenhill who edited *AIWA* for the past 20 years and helped the publication achieve considerable prominence. The AIIA thanks Professors Cotton and Ravenhill for their outstanding service in this role.
- The AIIA publication support grant has been awarded to *Australian Foreign Policy: Debates and Controversies* by Dr Daniel Baldino (University of Notre Dame), Dr Andrew Carr (ANU) and Dr Anthony Langlois (Flinders University) to be published by Oxford University Press. The book will be promoted through events at AIIA branches later in 2013.

Publications

The AIIA has released its latest policy commentary on the topic of free trade negotiations in the Asia-Pacific: <http://www.aiaa.asn.au/news/31-national-news/1011-policy-commentary-on-free-trade-negotiations-in-the-asia-pacific>. This policy commentary looks at the implications of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) for Australia through contributions by Bryan Mercurio of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Stephen Grenville of the Lowy Institute, Jayant Menon of the Asian Development Bank and Peter Drysdale of ANU.

The AIIA has released the final report of the Indonesia-Australia Dialogue 2013 co-convened by AIIA National President John McCarthy and Dr Rizal Sukma of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies: <http://www.aiaa.asn.au/events/national-events>

Recent publications by the National Executive Director Melissa Conley Tyler include:

- “The U.S. Pivot and Australia: Being in the Middle” in the *National Strategy Forum Review, Spring 2013*:
www.nationalstrategy.com/NSFReview/Spring2013Vol22No2PivottoAsia.aspx
- “The Sudden Vogue for Australian Foreign Policy”, *Lowy Interpreter*, 28 June 2013: <http://www.lowyinterpreter.org/post/2013/06/28/The-sudden-vogue-for-Australian-foreign-policy.aspx>

AIIA Fellows

Nominations for this year’s **AIIA Fellows** are now open and close on **Monday 15 July**. The AIIA welcomes nominations of distinguished persons in politics, government, academia, NGO or other capacities who have achieved a very high level of distinction in, and made a distinguished contribution to Australia’s international relations. Since 2008, 38 exceptional individuals have been recognised as Fellows of the AIIA. For further information visit <http://www.aiaa.asn.au/about/fellows>. Nominations can be made in confidence via email to ceo@aiaa.asn.au

Vale

The AIIA is sad to announce that Professor Helen Hughes AO FAIIA passed away on 15 June. Helen was recognised as a Fellow of the AIIA in 2010 for her distinguished contribution to academia and international organisations in the field of international economic policy and development. Her clear and forceful contributions to debate will be missed.

Member Offers

AIIA members receive a discount on the following:

- **United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) 2013 National Conference** : 9-10 August in Canberra. For further information and to register to attend at the AIIA member rate: <http://unaaconference.eventbrite.com>

AIIA members have been invited to consider the following:

- **“Strategic influence and deception in Cyberspace”**, a Special Interest Group Seminar to take place on Tuesday 2 July at ECU Mt Lawley Campus: http://www.ecu.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/489061/2013-7-Strategic-influence-and-deception-in-cyberspace.pdf
- **Three Academic positions at Griffith University** based in the Griffith Asia Institute and the Centre for Governance and Public Policy. Closing date for applications is 9 July: <http://jobs.griffith.edu.au/jobDetails.asp?sJobIDs=497239>
- **Research and Outreach Opportunities at State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Program, School of International, Political and Strategic Studies, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific.** Closing date for applications is 14 July 2013: <http://jobs.anu.edu.au/PositionDetail.aspx?p=3441>, <http://jobs.anu.edu.au/PositionDetail.aspx?p=3439>
- **Lowy Institute-Rio Tinto China Fellow.** Applications close on 14 July 2013: <http://www.lowyinstitute.org/recruitment>
- **The SRI Security Congress** will host 6 security based conferences over 3 days on 2-4 December in Perth: <http://conferences.secau.org/>
- **KIEP Visiting Fellows Program Applications.** The Korean Institute for International Economic Policy invites scholars and experts in regional studies to participate: <http://ceer.kiep.go.kr/scholar/intro.cer>

Younger members may be particularly interested in the following:

- **Best Student Research Paper in Central Asian Studies** by the Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies. Closing date 15 September: http://www.centralasiaprogram.org/images/Essay_Competition.pdf

Staff and Volunteers

The AIIA farewells Jack Buckley, Max Feng, Lachlan Harley and Abu Khan and welcomes Maddy Goldie (ANU), Olivia Scaramuzza (University of Paris-Sud) and Naqash Kumar (UC).

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